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In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 7817
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Serial No.: 10/090,506)	Group Art Unit: 3731
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For: MILLING INSTRUMENTATION)	
AND METHOD FOR PREPARING)	
A SPACE BETWEEN ADJACENT)	
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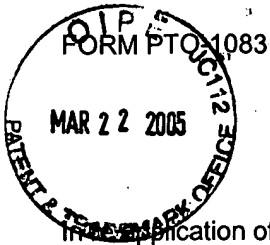
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a reply to the Final Office Action dated January 4, 2005 in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Applicant hereby requests a ***-month extension of time to respond to the above office action.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) and Form PTO-1449 with 3 documents are enclosed

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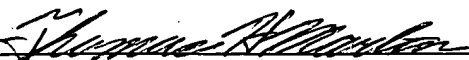
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Respectfully submitted,
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